

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
NEW MEDICAL CLINIC
LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the President's Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the Act (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508), and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7061, which implements these regulations through the Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP), and other applicable federal and local regulations, the Air Force Medical Service, and Space and Missile Systems Center, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command (HQ/AFMC) have conducted an assessment of the potential environmental consequences of the new Medical Clinic. The No Action Alternative was also considered. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) summarizes the results of the evaluation.

Proposed Action and Alternatives: The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the new Medical Clinic at Los Angeles Air Force Base (AFB) assessed the potential environmental impacts related to construction and operation of the new facility. The new Medical Clinic is designed to provide primary care, aeromedical services, ancillary services, dental, mental health, patient services and command/administrative functions. This clinic will be a 48,000-square-foot facility that could serve an anticipated 8,100 enrollees. It could provide an estimated 8,100 prescriptions per month. The facility will be constructed on a 5-acre site currently used for the existing facility. Its phased construction plan will enable the existing facility to remain fully operational until the new clinic is completed.

Phase I involves demolition of three tennis courts and two buildings, then construction of the new clinic. Phase II involves demolition of the existing facility and construction of a new parking area.

The No Action Alternative is to not construct a new Medical Clinic at Los Angeles AFB. This would result in DoD continuing to utilize the existing facilities, which were not intended for the provision of health care. Facility age and lack of space will continue to be major concerns, as the main clinic is undersized by 22 percent. Further, administrative functions would continue to be located in two buildings that do not meet fire and building codes.

Anticipated Environmental Effects: The EA evaluated the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating a new Medical Clinic. The functions of the new clinic will be the same as with the existing facility that are considered part of the baseline environmental condition at Los Angeles AFB and do not require additional environmental analysis.

Construction and operation of the new Medical Clinic will not result in any significant environmental impact, as these activities will occur in the same location as existing facilities.

The EA determined the new Medical Clinic will have no impact on environmental resources. The EA also determined that mitigation measures for soils, air quality, transportation and traffic, and waste management will be required. With implementation of these mitigation measures, related impacts will not be significant.

Mitigation: Mitigation will be required for issues associated with air quality, waste management and soils.

Conclusion: Following a review of the attached EA, which is hereby incorporated by reference, it is concluded that construction and operation of the new Medical Clinic at Los Angeles AFB will not result in significant environmental impacts, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This document, and the supporting EA, fulfill the requirements of NEPA, CEQ regulations, and AFI 32-7061.

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